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Apartment complexes to send treated waste water for use in parks, playgrounds

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Ice popsicles for rescued sloth bears to beat summer heat just days before monsoon

As children rush back to school post pandemic, parents are set back by expensive essentials — uniforms, textbooks, transport...

COSTLY LESSONS

40% rise in uniform costs amid limited supply

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City schools are back with a fresh in-person academic calendar after a hiatus of almost two years. Parents, in the meantime, are struggling to afford essential items for their children.

After textbooks, now school uniforms have become dearer. Not only has the cost gone up by almost 40%, but there is also a shortage of supply.

Parents BM spoke to said it is weighing on their pockets a bit too much and they have not been able to purchase the uniforms for the children yet.

"We incurred a great loss during the pandemic. An increase in school uniform prices has made our situation more dire. The material cost is skyrocketing and thus the schools have no choice but to transfer the cost to the parents," said Kesia Baby, a parent with two school-going children.

Baby said parents are shelling out a lot of money in gathering school essentials for children, which is burning a big hole in their pockets, thereby exhausting and collapsing their monthly budget.

"While I have two school-going children, I have ordered only one pair of uniforms. We have to spend 35% extra for every pair compared to last year. Purchasing all the sets, which include different colours for different days of school, other activities such as sports and so forth, is costing a bomb," said Baby.

It is not just the uniform. Parents are also paying more for textbooks and transportation fees besides for school itself.

"Notebooks and textbooks have become costly too. We are paying around Rs 4,000 extra for each child," said another parent.

Gautham Chauhan, a wholesaler of uniform raw materials, said the cost of uniforms has gone up

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Waiting for gazebo

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Shelter at Cubbon Park still to be repaired a year after tree branch crashed and broke facility

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A year ago, a huge tree branch fell on one of the gazebos at Cubbon Park. The impact was such that the gazebo was damaged beyond repair.

The occurrence was no doubt a great inconvenience to the visitors, and continues to be, especially for senior citizens, who wish to relax for a while or take shelter during rains.

The damaged gazebo is situated just a few hundred metres away from the Chamaraja Wadiyar statue. The other gazebo is situated near the entrance on the northern side of the park, near the BSNL office.

"It seems the authorities do not know which works to be taken up on a priority basis. The monsoon is almost upon us. Bengaluru received good rain in May. It is quite disappointing to see the gazebo, which is also a rain shelter, in such a pathetic condition. I want the authorities to reconstruct the gazebo without any delay for the benefit of people visiting the park," said Cubbon Park Walkers' Association president S Umesh.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 E-waste awareness

In an effort to create awareness around e-waste, Orion Mall at Brigade Gateway will be setting up an e-waste art gallery by renowned artist and designer, Vishwanath Mallabadi Davangere, whose main focus is on art forms through e-waste. The installations are made up of e-waste such as keyboard keys, CPUs, Hard Drives, PCB boards, LED Boards, cables etc. The objective is to engage audiences in a conversation about ecological and social responsibilities, which would lead to a greener tomorrow.

Where: Orion Mall @Brigade Gateway; When: June 4 – 14, 10 am to 10 pm; Entry: Free

02 All that jazz!

Banyan Tree's unique World Jazz Festival returns with its Second Edition this June, with a stellar line-up of international musicians that will bring the best of jazz music to our shores. In collaboration with the Amersfoort Festival, the World Jazz Festival will feature a selection of artists from the Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, and the United States of America. Also joining them would be the brilliant Indian-American guitarist Prasanna, melding two resonant musical cultures together.

Where: MLR Convention Centre, JP Nagar
When: June 3, 7:30 pm; Tickets: bookmyshow.com

03 Saaz, a musical evening

Participate in an evening of music at Lahe Lahe. Come along and be part of this session of 2 amazing singers/ bands from Bangalore and get mesmerized with their music. This will be followed by an open mic where 10 people from the audience get to perform for 3 minutes each.

Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: June 5, 6-8 pm

Bengalureans, get your daily dose of Vitamin D

Lack of sunny days causing rise in Vitamin D deficiency cases; doctors say exposure to sunlight every day mandatory to curb fatigue & brittle bones

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Joggers seen on RV Road next to Laxman Rao Park. Being exposed to early morning sunlight and eating healthy is important, say doctors.

Sunny days are on the wane and so is exposure to Vitamin D. As a result, city doctors are seeing a wide variety of issues related to Vitamin D deficiency and they advise being exposed to sunlight for at least 15-20 minutes a day.

Bengaluru skies have been cloudy nearly most of the year and with pre-covid normalcy making a comeback, Vitamin D-deficient individuals are finding it hard to follow an active lifestyle.

"People are coming with fatigue and lethargy and we are finding it as a Vitamin D deficiency. Post-Covid, the body has utilised Vitamin D and there is an increase in people facing Vitamin D deficiency.

The symptoms are not new in Bengaluru as the city only gets one month of intense summer. But people are experiencing it more due to the rains as well," said Dr SN Aravinda, Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster RV Hospital.

Aravinda adds that Vitamin D deficiency affects bone strength and makes it weak, especially the backbone. This also adds to reduced physical activity.

"The deficiency of Vitamin D has led to patients complaining of bone pain, and fractures. Vitamin D is also required for the functioning of various enzymes and is required for the prevention of various diseases. Weekly supplementation of Vitamin D can greatly rectify this issue while maintaining food hygiene, taking flu shots, avoiding stagnation of water and caution from mosquito bites are other measures which can be taken," said Dr Suchismitha Rajamanya, Consultant - Internal Medicine, Manipal Hospital.

Doctors advise people to expose themselves to the sun for at least 10-15 minutes a day. Vitamin D supplements can also be taken which are not considered ideal, however.

Some doctors are also seeing a rise in flu-like symptoms due to the drop in temperature. There is a small rise in number of stomach infections and vomiting. Lesser sunny days are also increasing the incidence of colds and coughs. Cases of flu-like infections and gastroenteritis were more frequent than last year, said Dr Subrata Das, Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine & Diabetology, Sakra World Hospital.

Doctors advise wearing masks to protect oneself from non-Covid infections as well and avoiding street food. "Vitamin D deficiency is very common in the Indian population primarily due to genetic differences," added Dr Das.

Dermatologists also noted a small change in the number of mild skin infections. According to Dr Vijendran Pragasam, Dermatologist, Apollo Hospitals, Seshadripuram, summers and monsoons increase humidity levels.

> **"People are complaining of fatigue and this is a symptom of Vitamin D deficiency**
> – Dr SN Aravinda, Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster RV Hospital

There is a small rise in fungal infection, especially in the armpits and thighs. It has been observed that mite infections have also arisen in hostels and PGs.

"There is increased fatigue associated with Dyshidrotic eczema. More people have also become sensitive to insect bites which leads to a hypersensitive reaction. We advise people to wear loose cotton clothes," he explained.

Bengaluru to host global summit for start-ups

Bengaluru is all set to host an international conference for start-ups -- the India Global Innovation Summit (IGIC) -- starting June 2.

The inaugural edition of IGIC is organised by strategic advisory firm Smadja & Smadja in a partnership with Karnataka Digital Economy Mission and the support of founding sponsors Catamaran Ventures and Tata Digital.

The inaugural meeting will host more than 80 speakers from India and countries like Singapore, Israel, Switzerland, the US, Japan, Korea, and Germany, the organisers said in a statement.

The two-day conference will have 22 sessions with more than 40 international speakers deliberating over themes relevant to entrepreneurs, innovators, and top venture capitalists, it said.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, is expected to join as the chief guest at the conference.

Some of the other notable speakers include Karnataka IT Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, co-founder of Infosys Limited N R Narayana Murthy, and technology forecaster and Professor at Stanford University Paul Saffo.

President, Smadja & Smadja Advisory, Claude Smadja, a former Managing Director of the World Economic Forum, said India now ranks 46th in the Global Innovation Index, up from 66th in 2016, and has the world's third-largest start-up ecosystem.

"As a result, the India Global Innovation Connect arrives at an opportune time to highlight how India's start-up and innovation story is becoming a global story," he said. **– PTI**

Who is to blame for Kittu's death?

Residents of HMT quarters allege healthy male dog taken by NGO for sterilisation was not looked after properly leading to its death

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The animal birth control (ABC) programme of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is aimed at controlling the population of streeties. But, in a shocking lapse, one such operation has ended up claiming the life of one stray dog, residents of HMT Watch Factory quarters said.

Ideally, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) assigned to implement the ABC programme are expected to look after the stray dogs kept at kennels during the process of sterilisation, but seems like nobody had a watchful eye on this stray.

One of the persons who had adopted the stray dog and animal activists are up in arms against the apathetic attitude and negligence of people working at an ABC centre maintained by ASRA who they say are behind the death of a healthy male dog. ASRA is a non-governmental organisation working for the welfare of animals. The residents claim the dog was hale and healthy when the workers engaged by ASRA took the dog from HMT Watch Factory quarters near Jalahalli to the kennel at Sumanahalli for sterilisation.

"I adopted a street dog - Kittu - in my locality. I never expected Kittu to come back home from the kennel in such a situation. I saw that his sutures were opening up when he came back after surgery. I immediately informed them. They came and took the dog again for treatment. Finally, they told me the dog passed away," said Anu Chander, a resident of HMT Watch Factory Quarters. She said people working at the kennel maintained by ASRA did not respond to her phone calls when she tried to inquire about the dog's health.

Nandita Subbarao, an animal activist, recalled how Kamakshi Raghavan, an animal activist, called her over the phone on May 19 morning to talk about the sutures opening up. "At that stage, I did not think too much of it because it does happen with naughty dogs, and there is anyway another layer of sutures inside. That said, sutures are slow to heal in the wet season, so they may need to be kept a day or two longer at the centre. It sometimes heals on its own or the centre re-stitches it and releases the dog after a few days," said Subbarao.

Residents of HMT Watch Factory quarters said Kittu was a healthy dog

She said that instead of this simple explanation, Radha Amarnath of ASRA said that the caregiver had given a bath to the dog, which had caused this. "Kamakshi and I got on a call with her, and I cross-questioned her, but it was obvious that she hadn't bathed the dog, and she was extremely upset at this allegation that she had. In fact, she was furious that the dog had been dropped back drenched in the morning. When I conveyed her emphatic message to Radha, she said she had understood it this way because of a language problem," she said.

> **Not all caretakers can get the dogs operated at pvt places. We community care takers want the ABC programme to be managed in a compassionate way**
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> –Kamakshi Raghavan, Puppy SOS India

Kamakshi Raghavan, Founder Trustee of Puppy SOS India, alleged that over the last few years there have cases where ASRA have taken dogs for surgery, and the dogs have either not come back, or come back with contagious and deadly viruses. "In HMT Township, where we take care of 400+ dogs, some of our dogs came back from ASRA with Canine Distemper. Canine Distemper is a deadly and contagious virus, and within a matter of days, 33 of our dogs were infected and 18 died. A dog lover would understand the emotional trauma something like this causes," said Kamakshi. She said post that incident she has taken on the responsibility to operate all dogs privately. "This is an expensive affair, and not all caretakers can afford to do this. As community care takers we want the ABC programme to be managed in a professional and compassionate way," she said, adding that healthy dogs taken for surgery should not die, due to unhygienic kennels, inexperienced vets and staff. Arun Prasad, an animal activist, said the carcass was sent for post mortem as per Animal Welfare Board of India norms. "We will know the exact cause of the death only after going through the report," said Arun Prasad. Radha Amarnath of ASRA said all measures were taken to treat the dog but it could not be saved.

Int'l calls racket busted, 6 held

Karnataka police have busted a gang with the arrest of its six members on charges of converting international calls from Middle-East countries to local calls, causing loss to the state exchequer.

The accused persons also reportedly made threatening calls to people.

The police have seized 16 SIM box devices, 2 SIP trunk call devices, 9 primary rate interface (PRI) devices, 5 laptops, 6 routers, and 205 BSNL SIM cards, which were used by the accused to convert international calls into local calls.

The police busted the racket after conducting raids in Bengaluru and Kerala. Two cases have been registered in this regard in Bengaluru. The accused operated from the Mahadevapura.

They obtained the SIP device from Airtel, which is used in call centres. They had opened a fraud company in the name of Icon Tours and Travels and had taken a landline connection with 180 ports to carry out their nefarious plans, the police said. Using these devices, the accused converted VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) calls to local GSM calls, the police said. **–IANS**

Unnatural sex: HC raps police

Slamming Karnataka police for mediocre investigation in connection with the case of a husband who forced his wife to have unnatural sex, the High Court has ordered the cops to investigate the case and submit additional charge sheet. The court directed the police to file additional charge sheet within 2 months and also asked the lower court not to proceed further with the case. The HC has slammed the police for investigating only dowry charges. The wife had filed complaint against her husband for forcing unnatural sex and sending obscene pictures to her father. The bench headed by Justice M Nagaprasanna gave the order on Tuesday. The bench took up the petition of the husband who appealed to the court to quash the dowry proceedings against him.

May this covid low stay this way

Only 4,040 cases reported last month; however, experts say it is too soon to ditch covid protocols

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While May 2021 will be remembered forever as the darkest phase of the pandemic in India, May 2022 saw infection numbers drop big time. Only 4,040 cases were reported last month, and the casualty was just one, in Bengaluru. However, it is too soon to ditch all covid-appropriate behaviour as some states report a slow surge in cases and fears of a new wave continue to loom.

Health experts say that there could be multiple factors to the drastic reduction in Covid numbers in Bengaluru. "Once the restrictions were eased after multiple lockdowns, the Covid graph continued to rise. For Bengaluru, the second wave – driven by the Delta variant -- which began in March 2021 peaked in May when around 6,971 people died. This meant that 564 people were getting infected and nine out of them were dying of Covid every hour in Bengaluru," explained a health expert.

According to him, Bengaluru witnessed the third wave in January 2022 due to the Omicron variant, when the hospitalisation numbers and deaths drastically went down. "As of now, only two patients (both in general wards) are hospitalised. More than 88 per cent of the Covid cases are currently being driven by Omicron variants and the cases are mostly mild," said a health expert.

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As of now a big chunk of the cases are driven by the Omicron variant and are mostly mild

But, it's too early to celebrate. Maharashtra and Kerala are now seeing a slow surge and in Mumbai, cases crossed the 500-mark on Tuesday thereby signalling a fresh rise while Kerala had 1,197 cases with 8.5 per cent positivity rate. Any Covid situation where the positivity rate is above 5 per cent calls for precautionary measures.

"We need to watch the rise in cases in neighbouring states. Last month, Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh saw a rise with the national capital seeing up to 1,656 cases a day (May 6). While many thought it was a fourth wave, it turned out to be a blip as Delhi reported 373 fresh cases on May 31," explained another health expert.

The World Health Organisation had recently said that a new wave spread due to BA.4 or BA.5 variant was unlikely to be harsher if the third wave was driven by other Omicron variants.

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BWSSB's Rs 11-lakh work down the drain

... say KHB Colony residents who feel new pipeline work is causing more problems

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The 30 odd families residing in KHB Colony, Basaveshwara Nagar, are peeved with the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), and no, it's not due to the lack of work being done by the civic body. On the contrary, it's the opposite.

BWSSB recently spent around 11 lakh on new water lines and sanitary connections and newly constructed manholes, much to the dismay of the residents, who say the initiative was completely unnecessary.

These 30 families say they have been residing at KHB Colony without facing civic issues for more than two decades. They never complained to the BWSSB engineers about clogging of sewer lines or overflowing manholes. However, the BWSSB has engaged a contractor to dig up 17th C Cross and other cross roads to lay underground drainage pipes and the residents were compelled to spend extra money to connect their sanitary pipes to the newly laid underground pipeline.

"We never faced any problems all these years. We connected sanitary pipes to the pipeline behind our homes. A few days ago, the BWSSB engineer directed us to connect our sanitary pipes to the newly laid UGD pipeline in front of our homes," said Ravinder P, a resident.

The residents complain that the newly constructed manholes have become a nuisance for them whenever it rains. They said the cross road becomes a mini pond. "Rainwater mixed with drain water and sewage overflows from manholes whenever it rains heavily. We have suffered a lot. We have to wade through ankle-deep dirty water," said Mariam, a resident.

Along with the sewage pipes, manholes were also built but failed to check waterlogging, say residents

> **After the work done by them, we saw sewage & rainwater overflowing during the recent showers**
>
> –Murthy S, a resident

Criticising the BWSSB engineers for not only wasting lakhs of rupees but also causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents, Murthy S, a resident, said that he was shocked to see the road being dug up without informing residents.

"We agreed to spend money to connect sanitary pipes to the newly laid pipeline as per the BWSSB engineer's advice. He told us that it would be difficult for them to attend to clogging or manhole-overflowing issues as the lane behind our homes is narrow. But now, we are shocked to see sewage and rainwater overflowing onto the road during the recent rains. I think the BWSSB engineer failed to guide workers properly while laying the UGD pipes," said Murthy.

Meanwhile, a BWSSB assistant executive engineer said sewage was overflowing from manholes when the main sewer line was saturated. "The UGD pipe-laying work was taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 11 lakh. Now, we are contemplating connecting the sanitary pipes of these dwellings to the old sewer line. The work will be taken up in a few days," said the assistant executive engineer.

Textbook row: Edu Minister to submit report

Karnataka Education Minister BC Nagesh (inset) on Thursday will submit a report on the textbook revision row. This comes after the much-discussed issue has been threatening to turn into a crisis situation in Karnataka.

For days now, a controversy has been brewing over the Karnataka Textbook Revision Committee's revisions for the state school curriculum.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday said that he would be receiving a report from the minister and decisions would be made on the issue soon.

"I have asked for a comprehensive report. A few religious seers have aired different opinions. Many have written letters to me. I will consider all of them seriously," he explained.

Author Dr G Ramakrishna (centre) and activists protest at Freedom Park

Bommai stated that opinions from another section said that there was no need to be concerned about the textbook revision. "I will consider both the versions, get the report and take a proper decision," he said.

"In this background, I have asked the Education Minister to give a comprehensive and realistic report on the issue," he said.

When asked about eight authors asking the government to drop their works of literature from the textbook syllabus protesting additions and deletions made by the Textbook Revision Committee, the CM said that he would consider the concern of all those letters.

"Their decision will be based on our future decision on revision of textbooks. I will also talk to those authors who have asked to drop their literary works from textbooks," he maintained.

Answering a question on love jihad and hijab crisis, Bommai stated that there were laws enacted to deal with love jihad that would deal with the issue appropriately. "No one is supposed to violate laws," he said.

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Garbage overflowing
Gandhinagar

At 5th Cross, Gandhinagar, ward no 23 (Nagawara), garbage has not been cleared for the last 15-plus days. Complaining to BBMP helpline, ward health inspector and ward AEE has not helped.

Pedestrians' perils
Ramamurthy Nagar

In Ramamurthy Nagar's Church Road, the footpath is occupied by vendors for many years; no place for public to walk. Authorities rarely check to do the needful.

No maintenance
Byappanahalli

Byappanahalli Metro Station towards KR Puram/ Beniganahalli is poorly lit and ill-maintained. Branches obstruct easy movement of pedestrians. BBMP must clear the growth and install lights.

Grey water to make Bengaluru greener

Apartment complexes to send treated waste water to BBMP for use in parks, playgrounds

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If all goes well, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will soon be using recycled wastewater for the upkeep of parks and playgrounds across the city. This will be made possible through a project taken up by the Centre for Social and Environmental Innovation (CSEI), Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE) in association with Bengaluru Apartment Federation (BAF) and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).

Christened Grey to Green, the project will ensure use of treated wastewater from decentralised sewage treatment plants (STPs) in the city. Excess treated wastewater from apartment complexes will be sent to the BBMP's horticulture department to be used to maintain its green spaces. Currently, BBMP pumps bore well water for maintenance.

According to Satish Mallya, joint secretary, BAF, while many societies are using excess recycled water to recharge the water table or are sharing it with NGOs, it is not happening in an organised way. In the absence of a systematic protocol, a large volume is also going to waste.

"Most apartment complexes have decentralised STPs to treat wastewater after the National Green Tribunal's mandate. While around 50% of the treated water is being used in flushes and for gardening, a large volume is going to waste. We realised the gravity of the situation and so decided to work with ATREE to plug the waste. Under the pilot, we will be collecting about 6 lakh litres of water every day from Yelahanka STPs alone for around 38 parks in the area," said Mallya.

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BBMP maintains over 1,000 parks in the city and it is during the summer months that this job is the toughest due to lack of water

Notably, Bengaluru generates around 2,000 MLD of wastewater each day. Of this, while 735 MLD of wastewater goes untreated, 1,265 MLD is treated in various centralised and decentralised (STPs). While the city is home to around 1,100 parks, many have gone dry in absence of proper maintenance and as per the Palike's horticulture wing, the situation worsens in summer.

"BBMP has over 1,000 parks across the city and maintaining them in summer is a huge task. Many green spaces dry up due to a lack of water. This initiative will not only keep the parks green across the year but will also help in conserving gallons of freshwater that are currently being used for the upkeep," said a BBMP official.

The CSEI team is working on plugging the gaps and creating a consistent database to ensure the project's efficacy. The team has surveyed more than 120 parks and apartments with excess treated water in Mahadevapura and Yelahanka zones and is trying to map this data to ensure that logistics are effective once the project is scaled up.

"We have realised there are many gaps concerning the location of the parks, the quantity of water required to maintain the parks and infrastructure facilities at the parks to store the treated water. We are creating a database and also mapping the source (apartment) and the sinks (parks) to make transportation easier and less costly," said Sneha Singh, senior manager, Urban Program at CSEI.

The project is in the trial stage and is expected to be launched on a bigger scale soon. While the water will be shared for free and BBMP will use it, the transportation of the treated water from apartments to parks and many other logistics are yet to be analysed and resolved.

"We are planning to launch it widely after fixing the existing gaps. We have started the trials and, in that process, have come across several challenges. We are trying to iron out all these issues to ensure maximum transparency and efficiency," said Shreya Nath, director, Urban Program at CSEI.

Predator on the web arrested

The Southeast division police, on Wednesday arrested a 40-year-old food delivery executive for harassing women online over the past couple of years. The accused Purushotham (40), was a resident of Madiwala, but he was arrested from Begur, based on an alert by a central agency that he was posting child pornography content online.

Police said Purushotham would create fake profiles and would scour dating apps and social media pages of women to look for dates. He would then befriend them and chat up on Facebook messenger. He then shares obscene videos to harass them. "Since he posts the videos on the messenger app, his phone number is not shown," said a senior police officer.

The accused had also used child pornographic material and was flagged by the central agency that monitoring child abuses cases online and alerted the city police. A case was registered in 2021 and the technical team of the Southeast CEN police were tracking him.

The police retrieved all the IP IDs and the SIMs that he has been using and traced his address to Madivala, but when they reached there, they learnt that he has vacated his house. The cops then traced his new phone number and tracked him to Begur from where he was arrested. "We have seized devices from him where he indeed had objectionable and obscene content in them. He feigned ignorance stating he never thought his deeds were wrong,"said the officer. **–BMB**

Boulevard of broken rides in Shantinagar

Survey of abandoned vehicles reveals 784 such vehicles lying on East Zone streets

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In the first-of-its- kind survey of abandoned vehicles in the city, BBMP has identified 784 vehicles lying on streets in the East zone. The survey is on in other zones as well. According to the survey, the maximum number of abandoned vehicles are found in Shanti Nagar Assembly constituency (326), followed by Shivajinagar (181), CV Raman Nagar (119), Sarvagnanagar (60), Hebbal (56) and Pulakeshinagar (42). BBMP's Special Commissioner (Project) PN Ravindranath said, "We are in talks with the DCPs. We will issue notices to the owners of these vehicles and then these vehicles will be shifted to the Bingipura yard."

Currently, the abandoned vehicles are a big headache for the residents as in many places rows of seized vehicles eat up half of the road. As per the BBMP plan, the abandoned vehicles will be shifted to Bingipura landfill. The city police had earlier sought the help from BBMP for dumping them. The area set aside at Bingipura is 24 acres of which, 10 acres will be exclusively set aside for parking of abandoned vehicles. The land is being fenced by retaining walls. There are plans to dismantle these vehicles and the useful, retainable parts will be collected by recyclers, depending on the coordination between the traffic police and them. In the long run, there are plans to compact the remaining junk.

Abandoned vehicles tend to eat up too much of the space on city roads

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BBMP, police all set to dump khataras
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"The land has been given to the city traffic police to stow away scrap vehicles which are lying around the city, especially in front of police stations"

BM had reported on May 6 that there is a plan to dump the vehicles in Bingipura landfill

"As Bengaluru is an unplanned city, most of the streets are so narrow that it is difficult for even a heavy vehicle to pass by. However, in most of these narrow streets, vehicles are abandoned. Some of these vehicles are left as it is for years. As the locals have no clue as to who has parked the vehicles, these vehicles are turning out to be a hindrance for smooth flow of traffic," said Nitesh R, a college student.

Ranjeet R, a businessman added he wonders why these vehicles are abandoned. "Many use up their lifetime savings to buy a vehicle. It is sad to see vehicles costing lakhs of rupees left on the roads by unknown people. Over a period of time, the entire vehicle becomes dirty and unusable with flat tyres."

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EV push: BSCL to set up 13 charging stations

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In its bid to promote green mobility, the Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL) has decided to set up with 13 EV charging stations across the city. The first station in the series will be established at Coles Park with three modules that will have charging facilities for two four-wheelers and three two-wheelers simultaneously.

According to Vinayak Sugur, Chief Engineer, BSCL, the idea behind the EV charging stations is to spread awareness and encourage people to adopt green mobility.

"We are doing it to emphasise on the importance of green mobility. We are doing it differently. The arrangement will be such that five electric vehicles can be charged at a time. Apart from charging facilities in three modules of the station, we have also planned a cafeteria in the fourth module. This can be used by the commuters to sit and relax while their vehicle is being charged. We have consulted the BESCOM team on all the aspects. However, this is being done using BSCL funding," informed Sugur.

Amenities at the station will include a cafeteria with seating arrangements, a CCTV camera, free Wifi, phone charging points and waste segregation bins. On ground work for the first EV charging station planned under BSCL's Integrated Command and Control Center project will begin on Thursday and it is expected to become fully operational by August 2022.

"The Coles Park station will be up and functional within three months. We will be placing the orders for charging equipment inside the station soon. Once the orders are placed, the equipment is expected to arrive in two months. We have zeroed in on around five suppliers depending on the infrastructure norms for EV charging stations. We will be placing the order next week. While we have planned 13 such stations across the city, we are facing land acquisition issues at three locations. However, steps are being taken to sort it out," said Sugur.

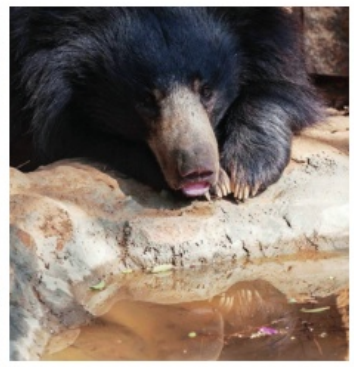
"The arrangement will be such that five electric vehicles can be charged at a time

–Vinayak Sugur, BSCL

The BSCL is also planning to come up with advanced, open standards-compliant software platform platforms to ensure agility, scalability, and availability of the EV charging stations. These platforms will provide real-time situational intelligence, incident management, and data analytics.

"Charging Station Management System (CSMS), E-mobility Platform (EMP), Fleet Management System (FMS), Smart Energy Management System (SEMS) Integration and Integration with Bengaluru Smart City ICCC are some of the software platforms that will be established at BSCL's EV charging stations soon," said a Smart City official.

Proposed locations for the rest of the 12 EV charging stations are Bescom Corporate Office KR Circle, Bescom HSR Layout Division Office, Bescom Panduranganagar, Central Store premises – near Varrier Bakery, N4- Peenya Sub Divison (Brindavan Station), Yelahanka – Hebbal Division, Indira Gandhi Musical Fountain Parking premises, opposite Planetarium, Dickenson Road-Commercial Street parking premises, Cunningham Road-opposite to Eden Park Hotel premises, Infantry Road parking-near Prestige Central and Victoria Hospital parking premises.



They can bear the heat

Find out how sloth bears of Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre managed to chill

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Even when the mercury levels rose and parts of the country experienced one of the hottest summers in the recent past, bears at Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre (BBRC) conservation managed to stay cool. All thanks to NGO Wildlife SOS that adopted unique measures to help the bears beat the heat.

The Wildlife SOS Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre in Bengaluru adopted several innovative measures to help rescued Sloth Bears cope with the summer heat. Water pools were available for the bears to swim in and cool off as well as water sprinklers that help soften the ground and create cool zones inside their free-ranging enclosures.

Established in 2005, the Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre is jointly run by the NGO Wildlife SOS and the Karnataka Forest Department. The centre is home to nearly 70 rescued Sloth Bears amidst the lush dry deciduous forest of the Bannerghatta Biological Park, making it the second-largest rescue centre for Sloth Bears in the world.

Maahi, Mithali and Bali are a few of the younger bears under Wildlife SOS' care who take full advantage of the pools and spend hours splashing in them. The bears also enjoy the occasional spells of rain and use that opportunity to take mud baths.

The most popular treat among the bears is the ice fruit popsicles, which are essentially delicious pieces of fruits frozen in blocks of ice to help keep the bears cool while also functioning as enrichments. "We take all possible measures such as multivitamin tonics and mixing electrolyte solutions in their drinking water to ensure that the bears stay hydrated. In terms of diet, fruits chopped into small pieces are mixed with milk, and once frozen they are served as ice popsicles. We also give the bears fruits which are high in water content, such as watermelons, muskmelons, grapes and apples," said Dr. Arun A Sha, Director - Research and Veterinary Operations, Wildlife SOS.

"Fruits chopped into small pieces are mixed with milk, and once frozen they are served as ice popsicles

–Dr Arun A Sha, Wildlife SOS

In addition to all the above, each bear has access to air coolers at their enclosures at the rescue centre, in order to prevent the dens from getting heated. The bears are given a special summer diet, and a major change includes hydrolysing components such as coconut water, especially for older bears. "Wildlife SOS aims to provide the rescued bears, a high degree of veterinary care, enrichment and high quality of life. Our team of veterinarians and care staff work round the clock to ensure the bears are able to stay cool in summer," said Geeta Seshamani, cofounder and secretary Wildlife SOS.

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ED summons to Sonia, Rahul

Congress leaders to be questioned in National Herald money laundering case

The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday summoned Congress president Sonia Gandhi and her MP son Rahul Gandhi for questioning in a money laundering case linked to the National Herald newspaper, officials said.

While Sonia Gandhi, 75, has been asked to depose before the federal agency at its headquarters in central Delhi on June 8, Rahul Gandhi has been asked to appear on Thursday (June 2).

Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi told at a press conference that Sonia Gandhi will comply with the summons.

Rahul Gandhi, 51, has written to the probe agency to postpone the date to after June 5 as he is not in the country, Singhvi and another Congress leader Randeep Surjewala told reporters.

"The Modi government should know that by registering such fake and fabricated cases, they cannot succeed in their cowardly conspiracy," Singhvi said.

The case to probe alleged financial irregularities in the party-promoted Young Indian that owns the National Herald newspaper was registered recently.

The agency, officials said, wants to record the statements of Sonia and Rahul Gandhi under criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The National Herald is published by Associated Journals Limited (AJL) and owned by Young Indian Pvt Limited.

The agency recently questioned senior Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Pawan Bansal as part of the investigation.

The questioning of the senior Congress leaders and the Gandhis is part of the ED's investigation to understand the shareholding pattern, financial transactions and role of the promoters of Young Indian and AJL, officials said.

The agency registered a fresh case under the criminal provisions of the PMLA after a trial court here took cognisance of an Income Tax Department probe against Young Indian Pvt Ltd on the basis of a private criminal complaint filed by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy in 2013.

The members of the first family of the Congress party, including Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, are among the promoters and shareholders of Young Indian.

After the ED examined Kharge last month, the Congress' whip in Lok Sabha Manickam Tagore accused the government of "harassing" him.

BJP MP Swamy had accused Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and others of conspiring to cheat and misappropriate funds with Young Indian Pvt Ltd paying only Rs 50 lakh to obtain the right to recover Rs 90.25 crore that Associate Journals Ltd owed to the Congress.

The Delhi High Court in February last year issued a notice to the Gandhis for their response on Swamy's plea seeking to lead evidence in the matter before the trial court.

Bails secured in 2015

The Gandhis had secured separate bails from the court in 2015 after they furnished personal bonds of Rs 50,000 and one surety.

They, however, contended in the Delhi High Court that the plea by Swamy was "misconceived and premature". The other accused in this case filed by Swamy are Suman Dubey and technocrat Sam Pitroda. They have earlier said that they did nothing wrong. – PTI

File photo of Congress president Sonia Gandhi and party leader Rahul Gandhi. Both have been asked to appear before the ED

> **"The Modi govt should know that by registering such fake and fabricated cases, they cannot succeed in their cowardly conspiracy**
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> – Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Congress

ED attaches 23 bank accounts, seizes Rs 68L from bank accounts of PFI, its front organisation

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) said on Wednesday that it has attached 23 bank accounts of Popular Front of India (PFI) having collective balance of over Rs 59 lakh, and 10 bank accounts of PFI's front organisation Rehab India Foundation (RIF) having collective balance of over Rs 9 lakh as part of its the ongoing money laundering investigation into PFI and its related organisations.

Thus, a total amount of over Rs 68 lakh has been provisionally attached under Section 5 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The ED investigation revealed that huge amount of money, including cash, from questionable sources have been received by the PFI and the RFI. "An amount of more than Rs 60 crore has been deposited in the accounts of PFI since 2009, which includes cash deposit of more than Rs 30 crore. Similarly, around Rs 58 crore has been deposited in the accounts of RIF since 2010," said an ED official.

During the investigation, the ED learnt that PFI, in active collusion with other associated accused persons, indulged in laundering of proceeds of crime. – IANS

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Sula Vineyards plans IPO

#NASHIK

Nashik-based Sula Vineyards is likely to file its documents with the market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) for an initial public offering soon, said banking sources. The IPO size could be in the range of Rs.1,200 crore to Rs.1,400 crore, they said.

The company has appointed Kotak Mahindra NSE 0.99 % Capital, CLSA, and IIFL as the bankers for the upcoming IPO, which will comprise a fresh issue of shares and an offer for sale from some existing investors, said banking sources. Sula Vineyards did not respond to ET's query

– ET Online

Caste-based census in Bihar

#PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday announced the conduct of the long-demanded caste-based census in the state.

The decision was taken after an all-party meeting in the Secretariat here on Wednesday evening. Leaders of all nine political parties represented in the Assembly were present in the meeting and gave some important suggestions to the Chief Minister.

"The leaders of every party, including the BJP, agreed on a caste-based census. We will soon announce the entire programme of the census in public domain. In the first phase, we will give proper training to the officials and employees to conduct caste-based census. It will be completed in a time-bound manner. We will conduct a caste-based census at the expense of the state government and after the approval of the cabinet of the Bihar government," Nitish Kumar said. The caste-based census is a long-standing demand for all political parties in the state except the BJP. – IANS

All gaze at Gazebo in the park

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Many visitors to Cubbon Park have expressed a similar opinion. They demanded the authorities concerned take up the work immediately. "I do not know what the authorities were doing till now. There is no progress except for the installation of four steel poles and spreading a plastic sheet atop the poles to make it look like a temporary gazebo," said Krishna Murthy, a visitor.

Demanding the horticulture department to complete the gazebo construction work as early as possible, Sharath Kumar, a regular at the park, said visitors would struggle for cover whenever it rains if the authorities further delay the construction of the gazebo. "This work must be completed on a priority basis," he said. The horticulture department constructed gazebos in Cubbon Park at an estimated cost of Rs 20 lakh in 2014. Now, the department depends on Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL) for the construction of the damaged gazebo. "We have no funds to take up the restoration of the gazebo. All the developmental works are assigned to the BSCL. I have discussed the damaged gazebo with the BSCL authorities and they have agreed to reconstruct it," said horticulture department deputy director (Cubbon Park) HT Balakrishna.

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Work going on at Cubbon Park

Meanwhile, BSCL assistant executive engineer Chandrasekhar said measures were taken to reconstruct the damaged gazebo. "We have placed an order for cast iron poles for the gazebo. There is a delay in supply from the manufacturer. I hope the work will be completed within a few weeks," said Chandrasekhar, adding that BSCL needs to spend more than Rs 11 lakh for the construction of the gazebo.

Unaffordable school essentials

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by 30% to 40% in the last six months.

"The shortage has been ongoing for two to three months due to non-availability of yarn and chemicals which come from China. Schools order uniforms during November and December every year. However, due to covid-19 pandemic and uncertainties related to it, they started ordering late this academic year. We have many orders pending from various schools in Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka. The shortage is also due to a sudden increase in demand. The schools were closed for the last two years and of late, all of a sudden, they all started placing orders," said Chauhan.

However, some schools have come to the parents' rescue and have allowed students to attend classes in regular attire.

"Most of our students now attended classes in regular attire. We have given parents some time in case they have been unable to purchase the uniforms. Till then, they can send their wards in decent attire," said Anita Bijesh, principal, DPS, north Bengaluru.

'Politics sans passion...'

Stating that he is taking a break from politics, Brijesh Kalappa, the former Congress leader and Supreme Court advocate who resigned from the party earlier on Wednesday, asserted that 'politics without passion' leads one to nowhere. "Politics without passion will not take you anywhere...I was not happy with what I was doing, hence taking a break," he told ANI.

He also added that various other parties including Aam Aadmi Party are reaching out to him but he has not taken any decision on the same.

"AAP is certainly reaching out to me like other parties, but I have not made a decision," he added.

Earlier in the morning, Kalappa announced his resignation in a facebook post citing his "lack of energy and enthusiasm" towards the party.

Kalappa had noted down several things including his gratitude and loyalty towards the party. – ANI

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BRAIN A study from the National University of Singapore revealed that regularly drinking tea can reduce the risk of cognitive decline.

In fact, scientists say it could halve the likelihood of dementia because of antioxidant-containing polyphenols.

Tea contains an amino acid, L-theanine, which increases feelings of relaxation, while other studies show it lowers levels of stress hormones and reduces depression. Substances in the drink also appear to boost creativity and problem-solving.

Despite containing caffeine, recent research suggests drinking tea within four hours of bed does not affect sleep while having a camomile tea helps.

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TEETH

Tea plants absorb fluoride from soil and it helps protect against tooth decay. Experts say it can boost defences by as much as 40 per cent.

A study published in the British Nutrition Foundation's Nutrition Bulletin claimed drinking at least three cups of black or green tea a day reduces harmful bacteria in the mouth. And an adult clinical trial in Japan found plant compounds in normal black tea - known as theaflavins - killed off oral bacteria linked with tooth and gum disease.

HEART

A Dutch study found those who drank three to six cups of tea a day had a 45 per cent lower risk of dying from heart disease compared with people who had fewer than one.

The benefit is believed to come from antioxidants called flavonoids. It also helps lower blood pressure - a key risk factor for heart disease and stroke. Black tea can have a 10 per cent effect while green tea reduces hypertension risk by 46 per cent.

DIABETES

Drinking at least three cups of tea a day has been associated with a reduced risk of type 2 diabetes. This is because it improves your insulin sensitivity. Once again, the experts believe it is the polyphenols in black, green and oolong teas that bring the benefits.

It's worth noting, however, that research suggests the benefits are best when you drink your tea without milk. An American study in 2002 found that addition of the white stuff actually decreased your cuppa's insulin-sensitising effects.

JOINTS AND BONES

The anti-inflammatory effects of compounds in tea can ease joint pain, with green tea in particular helping to prevent osteoarthritis, say researchers at the University of Sheffield.

And a study reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found drinking just three cups of our usual black tea protects against osteoporosis.

IMMUNE-BOOSTING

Tea could help boost your immune system. A study published in the journal Nutrients suggests tea drinkers have more friendly gut bacteria than those who are not fans.

A University of California study found English breakfast tea increases levels of metabolism-boosting bacteria, aiding weight loss.

Other research has shown rooibos tea reduces the level of fat accumulated in cells.

AND THE REST

Green tea has been found to help protect your liver and has also been identified as having the ability to boost sperm production.

An Australian study found that lifelong tea-drinking women were less likely to get ovarian cancer and another found that drinking three cups of tea a day cuts the risk of breast cancer by 37 per cent.

Daily Mirror

MIRRORLIGHTS

Survey reveals most men think they are naturally healthier than others

A majority of men believe they are naturally healthier than others as a new survey has found that a third (33 per cent) do not think they need annual health screenings.

Along with this, the survey also found that almost two-thirds (65 per cent) believe they are naturally healthier than others in general.

"It is statistically impossible for the majority of men to be healthier than the majority of men," said researcher Thomas Kelley from Orlando Health Physician Associates in the US.

"Even if you think you are healthy and you are not experiencing any symptoms, there can be developing issues that often go unnoticed and can also be life-threatening if left unchecked. Some of those include rising blood pressure that can be a ticking time bomb for a heart attack or stroke, as well as colon cancer, which is one of the most deadly yet preventable cancers that exist," Kelley added.

For the study, the team conducted an online survey from May 9-11, 2022 among 893 US adult men aged 18 and older.

The survey found that 38 per cent of men often get medical advice from social media, which can be extremely problematic if they are not referencing reputable medical sources.

Nearly two in five men (38 per cent) also admit that they tend to focus on their pet's health more than their own, the survey said.

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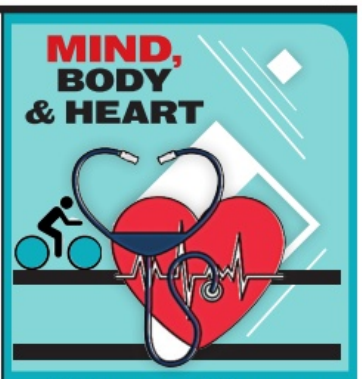


All problems solved

Dear Coleen

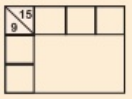
I'm a 29-year-old man and have got involved in a relationship with a woman who's 40 and don't know how to get myself out of it. It started as a bit of fun - great sex, fun nights out, with no strings attached. But, I started staying over at her place a lot and now I've practically moved in. She's generous and has paid for a lot of things, including a holiday to Puerto Rico. The thing is, I know I don't want to stay with her long term or get married to her. But I've got in too deep and probably led her to believe we might have a future together, not by anything I've said, but just because I keep going along with all her plans. I am worried about hurting her because I care about her. What can I do?

COLEEN SAYS

I think it's inevitable that you're going to hurt her, sadly. You're living a lie and you're now taking advantage of her, so you have to be honest about how you feel. I think she might be avoiding talking about it because she knows deep down that you're not as invested in the relationship as she is, so she pulls a lovely weekend trip out of the bag to keep you hanging in there. Look, it's never easy to break up with someone, but if you're not feeling it and don't see a future, then it's better to admit that now. Also, it can't make you feel great about yourself, accepting all this generosity when you know you won't be sticking around. She might tell you she's happy with how things are and that she doesn't expect more, but at 40 she might be looking for a life partner. You have to be honest and I know how hard that is, but the longer you leave it, the harder it'll be. There will always be a reason to stay, but it will never be the right reason.consequences if these photos ever got into the wrong hands.

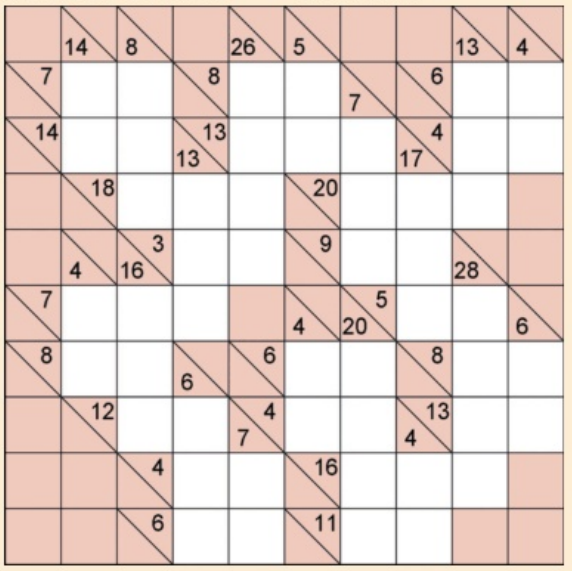
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Kakuro



The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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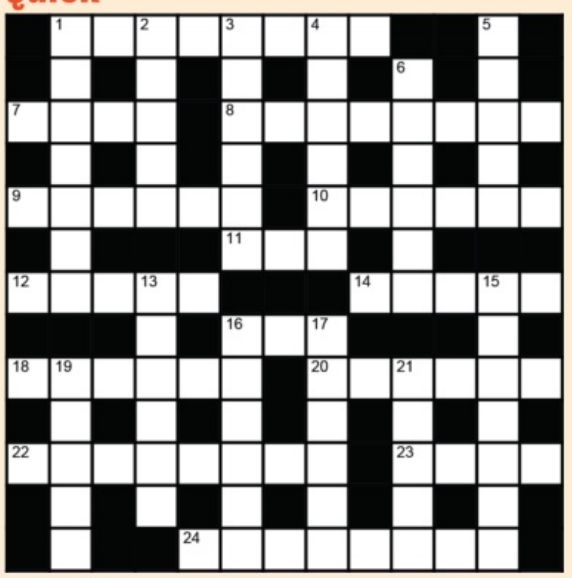


ACROSS

1 Relished (8)
7 Bhajan maestro __ Jalota (4)
8 Remain in position (3,5)
9 Crazier (6)
10 Royal city in Karnataka (6)
11 Recede (3)
12 Great Muslim leader (5)
14 Nautical speed rating (5)
16 Sound of a hiccup? (3)
18 Small stone (6)
20 Leased (6)
22 Tubby little winged creatures (8)
23 Not far (4)
24 A crack or a separation (8)

DOWN

1 Where three rivers meet in Karnataka (7)
2 Insipid, dull or flat (5)
3 Doubtful, uncertain or questionable (6)
4 Place in a vault (6)
5 Doorkeeper (5)
6 Hollywood star Mel ___ (6)
13 Excludes or prohibits the entry (6)
15 Adolescent (7)
16 Book on plants (6)
17 Site of 1850s war (6)
19 Principle of conduct (5)
21 Japanese warrior (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: U EQUALS T

UNI KHCF JG BWCWFHYI WTHENUY JMTZ RBJM UNI NWMF UNWU FJIY MJU ECWYB.

Linemaro

There's so much to say but your eyes keep interrupting me

Mindchow

Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional

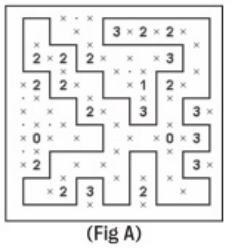
Joke of the day

I don't think you are a fool, but what is my opinion compared to that of a thousand others

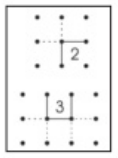
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

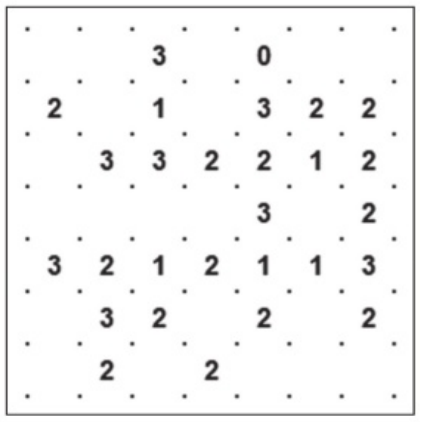


(Fig B) Not Allowed

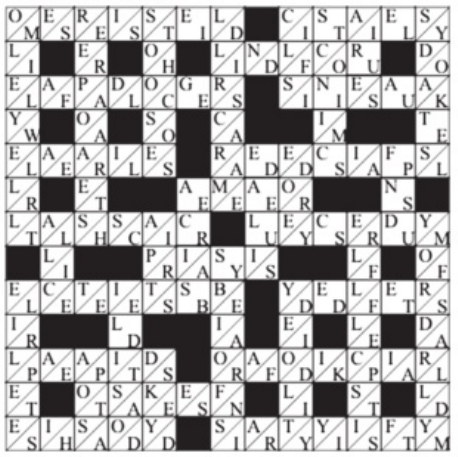
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



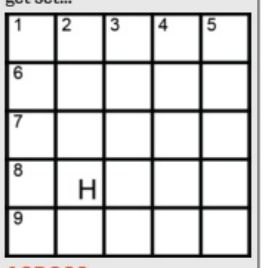
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Be erg; 6 Niler;
7 Oasis; 8 NHS us;
9 Gees I

DOWN

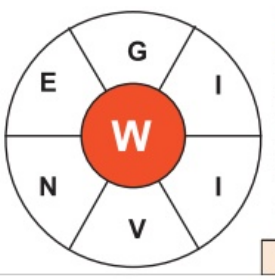
1 Slogs; 2 Irish;
3 Us ENE; 4 Begin;
5 Saree

Mensapuzzle

Complete this sequence:

2 3 4 9 16 81 256

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		1		8				
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					3	1	2	
	4						1	2
		7	8		6	4		
6	9						8	
	7	9	6					
4			3		9		6	
				4		7		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 5
2 4 8 9

Medium = 7
2 5 8 8

Hard = 27
3 8 9 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

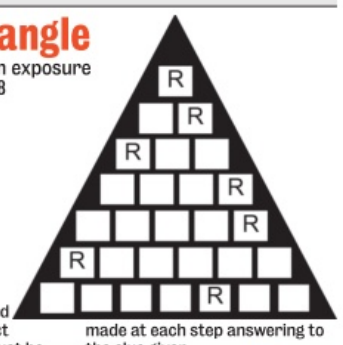
Differences: 1. Fish is bigger. 2. Back of seat is taller. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Shirt is shorter. 5. Boat is wider. 6. Cloud is smaller.

Riddler

A man wanted to encrypt his password but he needed to do it in a way so that he could remember it. His password is 7 characters long. The password consists of letters and numbers only (no symbols like ! or <). In order to remember it he wrote down "You force heaven to be empty." Can you guess what his password is?

Alpha triangle

1 A unit of radiation exposure
2 Atomic number 18
3 Cloth fragment
4 Equipment
5 Avid
6 Amuse
7 Make bigger



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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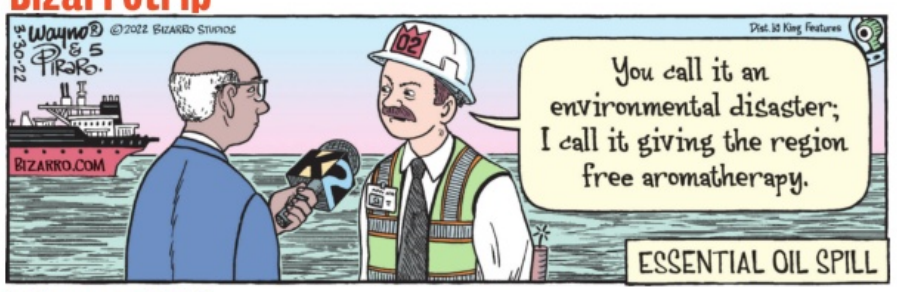
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Hart of the city

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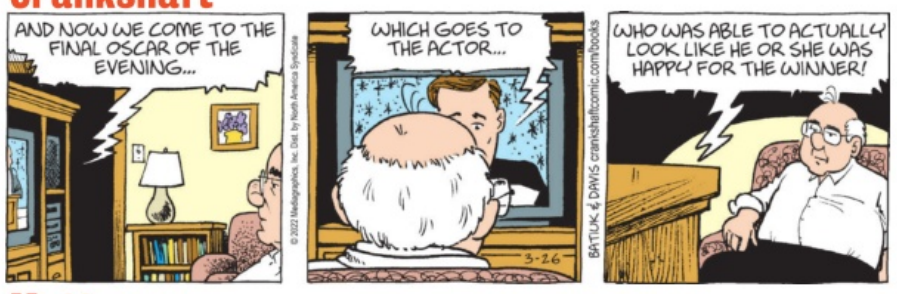

AND NOW WE COME TO THE FINAL OSCAR OF THE EVENING...
WHICH GOES TO THE ACTOR...
WHO WAS ABLE TO ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE HE OR SHE WAS HAPPY FOR THE WINNER!
3-26

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you will be blessed by the moon; your destiny is likely to be with you. Today you may be more energetic and focused in your work. Your hard work may pay you in terms of success. Your colleagues may help you. You are likely to go for short work-related trips. Some good news may come from your sibling.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be busy with family matters. You may take some important decision on the domestic front. You should avoid arguments in personal life matters. Your arrogance may affect your domestic harmony. By late evening, things may be under control. You are advised to follow your intuition before making investments in business.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, messy situations will now be under control; you may feel peace in your mind. You may be able to make a proper balance between expenditure and earnings which may increase financial health. You are advised to avoid too much travelling or overworking; it may affect your health. Students can start planning for their future. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, until evening; you may enjoy your work and domestic life. You may get some money which was stuck somewhere. From late evening, you may feel dull; some unknown fear may make you upset. You may get stressed, which may affect your sleep. You're advised to meditate.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be blessed by the moon; your disappointment may now convert into happiness. You may be more focused towards your targets. You are likely to use your creativity to make some changes in your office or house. You may also find love around you. Lovebirds are advised to avoid fantasies in the relationship. Students may avoid speculations in their studies.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be busy at work; your communication skills may help to get a big order which may grow your business. You are likely to meet some influential person who will help you to grow your business; your family may support you with respect to a difficult decision at work. You are advised to control your tongue in matters of the heart; lovebirds are advised to control their straightforwardness in conversations.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may have the full support of your parents; you may achieve success at work, which is related to government projects. Your terms with the management are likely to improve which may give benefits in your business or work. You may plan for an overseas work-related trip. You may suffer from some infections; you are advised to drink plenty of water and consume lemons in your food

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be a victim of unknown fear. Some sort of negative energy may reflect in your thoughts. Impatient nature and arrogance may push you back to take difficult decisions at work. You are likely to seek blessing of your elders which may help you to come out from the messy situation. You are advised to avoid investments in dead assets. Lovebirds are also advised to avoid discussing worthless topics.

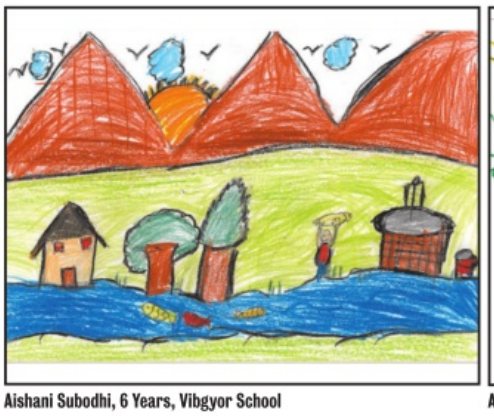
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may start your day with good feelings. You may be patient; it may reflect into your way of working. You may enjoy work. You may be optimistic in terms of gains in the business. You may have an emotional bonding with the spouse which may increase family harmony. Job-seekers may hear good news.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a good day at work; you may perform well. You may lead your team efficiently. Your focus in work may be appreciated by your boss; you may also get a promotion in terms of rewards. Job-seekers may get a new job. Singles are likely fall in love with someone at the work place. Architects, artists, traders may do better.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is important for domestic life. You may be busy with kids. You may hear some good news in terms of kids' education. You may buy some creative stuff for the home or office to maintain your social status. You are advised to use your wisdom while buying some stuff. Native related to military, management, electronics, medicine will do better.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be dissatisfied, people around you may not cooperate; you are advised to be patient. You are also advised to read documents carefully before signing any contracts. Making new investments in useless stuff may become a bottleneck for you. Students are advised to read their subjects with patience.

KIDZONE



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
-25-(-25)-25-(25)
-25+25-25-25

RIDDLER
U472BMT: Try pronouncing the answer "U Four Seven Two B M T".

STRIKE OUT

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FAST FIVE

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O	S	S	I	A
S	H	U	N	S
S	I	E	G	E

BULL'S EYE
view, VIEWING, wine, wing

QUOTE UNCODE
The bird of paradise alights only upon the hand that does not grasp.

QUICK

S	A	V	O	U	R	E	D							
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MENSA PUZZLE
6, 561. There are two sequences arranged alternately. In each sequence the number is the square of the previous number in that sequence. 6,561 is the square of 81.

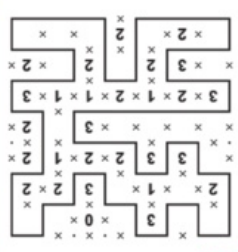
SUDOKU

2	6	1	4	8	5	9	7	3
9	5	3	7	1	2	8	4	6
7	8	4	9	6	3	1	2	5
3	4	8	5	9	7	6	1	2
1	2	7	8	3	6	4	5	9
6	9	5	1	2	4	3	8	7
8	7	9	6	5	1	2	3	4
4	1	2	3	7	9	5	6	8
5	3	6	2	4	8	7	9	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Ar, Rag, Gear, Eager, Regale, Enlarge.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 - 9 + 8 + 4 = 5
Medium
5 + 8 + 2 - 8 = 7
Hard
9 / 3 x 8 + 3 = 27

LOOP



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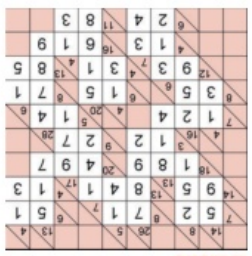

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Final rites in Mumbai– The last rites of KK will be held in Mumbai on Thursday. According to Mumbai Airport sources, the singer's mortal remains are being brought to Mumbai in an Air India aircraft, which is expected to arrive around 8.35 pm

Krishnakumar Kunnath: August 23, 1968 - May 31, 2022

His last show

Despite feeling uneasy, KK ensured the show went on

Call it professionalism or dedication to commitment. Despite feeling uneasy, playback singer Krishnakumar Kunnath, popularly known as KK, did complete his scheduled time of performance on late Tuesday evening as per the contract he entered into with Kolkata-based Gurudas College.

KK died on Tuesday night at the age of 53 after performing in his last show at Nazrul Manch in South Kolkata. After completing the show as per the schedule, he returned to his hotel in central Kolkata and felt uneasy again. He was rushed to a local hospital, where he was declared "brought dead." However, as per eyewitnesses and the organisers of the show, the singer was showing symptoms of uneasiness during her performance. "He was constantly requesting to switch off the spotlights and at intervals he was going backstage to take rest. However, not even once he expressed his desire to quit the show in between," said one of the organisers. KK's manager, Ritesh Bhat, said that after completing the show, as he got into his car he complained of mild uneasiness. "KK said that he was having cramp feeling in his limbs and also asked me to switch off the car AC," Bhat told media persons.

Meanwhile, police sources said his body has been sent for post mortem for two reasons. The first is that since he was "brought dead" to the hospital, as per rules, the body needs to undergo a post mortem for ascertaining the reason of death. The second reason is -- some evident cut marks on his face and hand. "Prima facie it seems that the reason for death is cardiac arrest. But the final cause of death can be ascertained only after the post mortem is completed," said a police official.

Gun salute for singer

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee paid her last respects to singer KK, who passed away Tuesday night after performing at a concert here.

The state government organised a gun salute for the deceased singer at the cultural centre, Rabindra Sadan.

The late singer's mortal remains were taken from SSKM Hospital to Rabindra Sadan today, where people paid their last respects to him.

Earlier in the day, Mamata Banerjee condoled the demise of the singer and also assured requisite support to the singer's family for formalities and last rites.

Taking to Twitter, Banerjee said, "The sudden and untimely demise of the Bollywood playback singer KK shocks and saddens us. My colleagues have been working since last night to ensure that all requisite support is given for necessary formalities, his rites and to his family now. My deep condolences."

BJP chief Jagat Prakash Nadda also condoled the demise and said that KK will be remembered for this versatile music. The Prime Minister said his songs reflected a wide range of emotions.

It seems so ominous. The news of KK's death that too right after a live performance is terrible. He sang for films I was associated with, so his loss seems that much more personal"

–Actor Ajay Devgn

A voice and talent like no other.. They don't make them like him anymore. Working on the songs he sang was always that much more special. You will always be in our hearts KK and live eternally through your songs. RIP Legend KK

–Actor Emran Hashmi

KK... not fair man. Not your time to go. This was the last time we were together to announce a tour together. How can you just go??? In shock. In grief. A dear dear friend, a brother is gone. RIP KK. Love you

–Singer Mohit Chauhan

Sri KK had a special style of singing in the world of film music and I pray to God that his soul may rest in peace. The songs he sang in my films greatly impressed both fans and music lovers

–Actor Pawan Kalyan

Favourite KK songs

Aankhon Mein Teri — Om Shanti Om
Labon ko —Bhool Bhulaiya
Beete Lamhe — The Train
Tu Jo Mia — Bajrangi Bhaijaan
Khuda Jaane — Bachna Ae Haseeno
Kya Mujhe Pyaar Hai — Woh Lamhe
Dil Ibaadat — Tum Mile
Tadap Tadap Ke — Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam
O Meri Jaan — Life in a Metro
Sach Keh Raha Hai Deewaana — Rehna Hai Tere Dil Mein